

## HUERTA'S TROOPS SLAY COMRADES WHO ARE UNTRUE

Federals Enforce Discipline  
With Firing Squad and a  
Stone Wall.

MEXICO CITY, March 18.—In squads of a dozen men each, 149 mutineers were taken from the federal barracks at Jofutla today, lined up against a stone wall, and executed.

It required less than a half hour for the slaughter of the men who rebelled at service in the army of General Huerta. The firing squad worked rapidly, and pumped bullets into the bodies of their former comrades as fast as they were lined up.

Bodies were piled high along the wall when the last squads were brought out, and those going to their death stumbled over the forms of those who had faced the rifles of the executioners only a few minutes before. With the last mutineer dead, the bodies were buried in one trench.

Huerta has ordered the strictest discipline enforced in all garrisons. A stone wall and firing squad awaits leaders of any rebellious outbreak.

**Rojas To Call On Lind.**

That John Lind may have a chance to size up the man selected by General Huerta to become temporary executive head of the government in case the dictator should decide to go to the front, Porfirio Rojas, minister of foreign relations, will meet President Wilson's special envoy in Vera Cruz tomorrow.

Huerta was immensely pleased with reports from Escalon, which told of rebel reverses. He is anxious to have Rojas meet Lind, however, and has not entirely abandoned his idea of taking personal command of the army should his services appear to be needed. It was said here that the plans for the meeting of Lind and Rojas resulted from the recent conference between President Wilson and Sir Lionel Corden. Rojas speaks English fluently.

## Rebels Are Hard Pressed In Campaign at Torreon

EL PASO, Texas, March 18.—That Gen. Francisco Villa's forces at Escalon, the constitutionalist base of supplies for the campaign against Torreon, are being hard pressed by federal troops, was the interpretation placed today on the fact that not a single word of news regarding the battle raging there has been allowed to come out of Chihuahua, and the south for twenty-four hours.

The last dispatch, however, brought important advice. A correspondent using a harmless looking code, sent through news that Villa was compelled to fight desperately against a federal attack at Escalon, and that federal troops from Torreon were attempting to get to the rear of the constitutionalist army by coming to Jimenez, fifty miles north of Escalon. The federal advance toward that point through the valley Rio Florida, and were proceeding rapidly when they encountered Gen. Tomas Urbina's rebel force at Rosario.

**Rebels Deny Battle.**

Constitutionalist officials in Juarez vigorously deny that a battle is in progress, but admit that they are getting no dispatches. The rigidity of the censorship is believed to imply, first, that Villa is still master of the country north of Escalon. For he controls the telegraph, and second, that everything is not going well with his hitherto invincible army. Were he sweeping everything before him, as he had boasted he would, it is believed the wires would be laden with accounts of victories or successful progress, written by the numerous correspondents known to be with him.

In Huertista circles here a rumor was current last night that Gen. Agustin Aguirre Benavides, whose Zamora brigade has borne the

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## Little Girl Gives Mite to Aid Mrs. Belva Lockwood

"Won't you take this package to Mrs. Lockwood for me," queried a little golden-haired miss who entered The Times building last night.

"You see, Fritzle, my pet hen, laid this egg today, so it's nice and fresh. And because I know Mrs. Lockwood and she has kissed me, I want to help her," she prattled, as she put a box into the hands of the big man who met her.

"My name is Gloria Fechner, I'm eight years old, and I live with my mother at 23 Delaware avenue northeast. There's just me and mother and Fritzle. You see, papa is dead and we live alone. Fritzle laid the

other eggs, too. There are five there, and the one she laid today has a dollar bill wrapped around it, that I saved myself.

"See! Aren't they nice eggs?" and she opened the box to disclose its contents. Right on top was a "Good Luck" postal card addressed to "Mrs. Belva Lockwood from Gloria, eight years old." On it was written in childish hand, "You have seen me and kissed me. God will bless you. We all love you. My pet hen laid this egg for you today, so it is a St. Patrick's Day egg. All are fresh, for she laid them."

And Gloria went out after making sure that the big man would see that her package reached its destination.

## MISS WILSON MAY BE WED IN GARDEN

Society, apprehensive lest the wedding of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, might be a simple ceremony with a small guest list, may dismiss the disturbing thought if the

proposals of the friends of the bride-elect may be believed.

While the President and Mrs. Wilson would doubtless prefer to refrain from all display possible, and partially succeeded at the marriage of their daughter Miss Jessie to Francis B. Sayre women in the official circles of Washington who are intimate with Miss Eleanor declare that this course would not accord with her desires and disposition. These intimates of the President's daughter say that the Wilson-McAdoo wedding will be the most pretentious ever solemnized in the National Capital.

These friends are likewise of the opinion that the ceremony, instead of being performed in the East Room or Blue Room, will take place beneath rose bowers erected under the spreading elm in the White House garden.

It is this impression that strengthens the idea of a large attendance, since under these conditions, it is pointed out there will be much more room for the accommodation of an assemblage.

The fact is recalled by those who make the suggestion that last summer when arrangements were made for the marriage of Miss Ethel McCormack and Frank McAdoo, the son of the Secretary, every detail had been completed for another wedding in the broad garden at the home of Isaac Emerson in the Green Spring valley, beyond Baltimore. A storm, however, compelled the performance of the ceremony with in the parlors of the Emerson mansion.

The fact that both "Eleanor Wilson" and "William McAdoo" contain thirteen letters probably is responsible for the suggestion of June 13 as the wedding date.

## New York May Double Deck Brooklyn Bridge

NEW YORK, March 18.—Bridge Commissioner Kracke rescued the plans prepared by Gusta Lindenthal, bridge commissioner in Mayor Low's administration, for the double decking of the Brooklyn bridge.

Kracke has been going through every pigeonhole in his desk since he assumed his duties. The double decking of the Brooklyn bridge appealed to him, and he asked the engineers of the department to review the plans. He will send the whole question to the board of estimates.

## Mother Gets Her Baby Back by Parcel Post

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 18.—Rural Mail Carrier R. H. Knepper carried a fourteen-pound baby from Clear Spring to the home of its mother in Indian Springs, ten miles distant, by parcel post.

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brunt of the battle which had raged since Saturday morning. Escalon was killed yesterday. If true, the correspondent who sent through a brief code message, did not mention it, although that may have been because he did not have code words to cover it.

**Jimenez May Have Fallen.**

Another Huertista story was that the federalists had captured Jimenez, north of Escalon. This is doubted by those familiar with the country and the conditions there. They say that the party of federalists which passed through Canyon Lacadena Saturday,

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day, even though not opposed by General Jimenez, could scarcely have marched to Jimenez in the time that has elapsed since then.

Should Villa's center be driven from Escalon, it naturally would fall back to Hellano Pass, which has been the scene of two decisive battles since the Mexican revolution began three years ago.

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